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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS AND SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES

REF: A) STATE 150607 B) RANGOON 1749 OF 6/26/75

1. REFTEL B TRANSMITTED REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE DIRECT TO WORLD AIRWAYS OFFICE IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.
2. ABSENCE OF TWO WEEKS NOTICE IN THIS CASE IS NOT SURPRISING, AS THE POST CANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME EITHER WORLD AIRWAYS OR SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES MORE THAN A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE. ROUTINELY PROCESSING FREQUENT

OVERFLIGHT REQUESTS BY THESE TWO COMPANIES ON SHORT NOTICE HAS BEEN POSSIBLE ONLY BY DIPPING INTO RESERVOIRS OF GOOD WILL PAINSTAKINGLY ESTABLISHED WITH LOCAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES. ON

JUNE 18 WORLD AIRWAYS PRACTICALLY EMPTIED THESE RESERVOIRS FOR US BY OVERFLYING BURMA WITHOUT PERMISSION. WHEN QUERIED BY BURMESE AIR CONTROLLERS THE PILOT RADIOED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES THROUGH THIS EMBASSY. IN FACT WE HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE FLIGHT IN QUESTION AND COULD NOT HAVE TRANSMITTED SUCH CLEARANCES. FORTUNATELY OUR FRIENDS IN BURMA'S CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION COVERED UP THE INCIDENT, AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK, TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO THE EMBASSY. SOME MONTHS BACK A SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES FLIGHT DID THE SAME THING

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AND IT WAS ONLY THROUGH FAST FOOTWORK ON THE EMBASSY'S PART THAT

AN INCIDENT WAS AVERTED.

\$. BEHAVIOR DESCRIBED ABOVE OBVIOUSLY STRAINS OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL CIVIL AUTHORITIES. THESE AUTHORITIES HAVE SO FAR BEEN HELPFUL, BUT THEIR PATIENCE IS NOT UNLIMITED. BY SUCH ACTIONS WORLD AIRWAYS AND SEABORAD WORLD AIRLINES ARE JEOPARDIZING OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN SHORT NOTICE CLEARANCES FOR THEMSELVES AS WELL AS OTHER CHARTER COMPANIES WHO OVERFLY BURMA FREQUENTLY. BY UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHTS THEY ARE ALSO HAZARDING AIRCRAFT AND CREWS, SINCE GUB WOULD NOT HESITATE TO FORCE LANDING AND TAKE LEGAL ACTION IN CASE OF UNAUTHORIZED PENETRATION OF BURMESE AIRSPACE (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL CASE OF FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL CHANGI).

4. EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED COOPERATION FROM THESE TWO COMPANIES, BUT NEVER RECEIVED A REPLY. WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT RAISING THIS MATTER WITH THESE TWO COMPANIES AND IMPRESSING UPON THEM THAT THIS EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO HELP, AND THE PATIENCE OF BURMESE AUTHORITIES ARE NEARING EXHAUSTION.
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